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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCE ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2014

COMMISSION OVERVIEW: JOHN BUTLER



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- Meetings open to the public, announced in the *Federal Register*
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31 Voting Members; 8 *Ex-officio* Members

- >300 candidates
- Represent diverse backgrounds and broad experience including (not exhaustive): forensic science practitioners; research scientists; academicians; law enforcement; prosecutors; defense attorneys; judges; victim advocates; and statisticians.



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MEETING ONE: February 3-4, 2014

Open to public (~100 public attendees)

Welcoming remarks by Co-Chairs and Dr. John Holdren,
Assistant to the President for Science and Technology

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Judge Harry Edwards reflected on the NAS 2009 report
- BJS Census of Publicly Funded Crime Laboratories
- White House Subcommittee on Forensic Science
- Proposed Organization of Scientific Area Committees (NIST)
- NCFS priority topics and potential subcommittees

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MAJOR THEMES

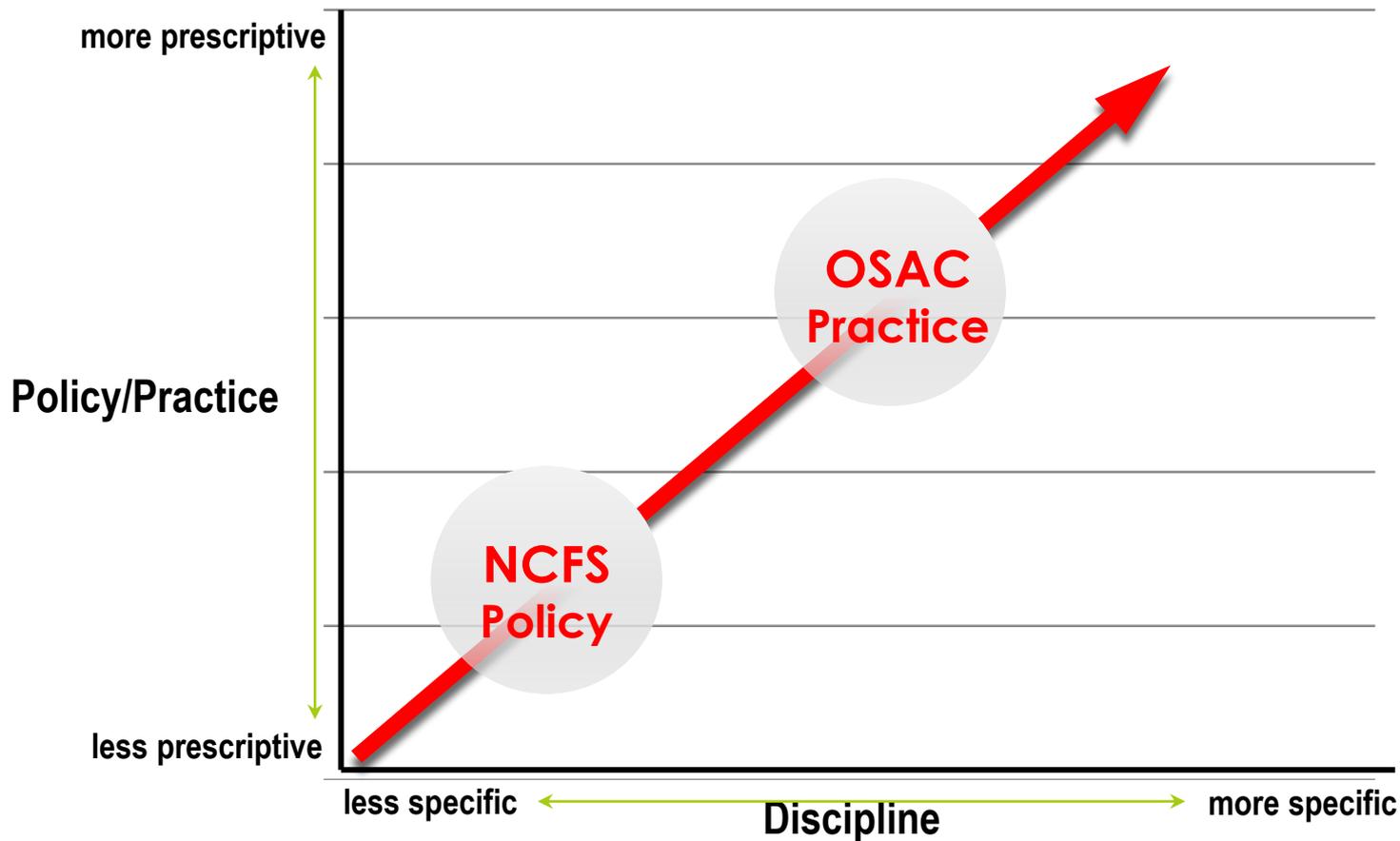
- Accreditation
- Certification
- Proficiency Testing
- Ethics
- Medico-legal Death Investigation
- Education and Training
 - Legal Professionals
 - Forensic Practitioners
- Reporting and Testimony
- Scientific Inquiry/Research and Development
- Human Factors



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